

# MUSIC EDUCATION (BM) - INSTRUMENTAL CONCENTRATION

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## Program Overview

The Bachelor of Music in Music Education program prepares students to become professional music educators. It provides skilled musicians the opportunity to develop expertise as a classroom teacher and ensemble director in K-12 music programs. Much like the Music Performance degree program, students also study applied music on a principal instrument or voice with our artist-faculty and perform in our large ensembles. Music Education students are held to the same performance standards as those in other music degree tracks.

The BME degree has two concentrations: Instrumental, and Choral. Coursework is completed at both the CSU College of Education and the Schwob School of Music. Field experiences provide "real-world" experiences for students to transfer directly to music teaching endeavors after graduation. Our music education faculty specialists, along with applied and ensemble faculty, mentor students through this demanding program, a relationship which continues after graduation.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Columbus State University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page (<https://cqtl.columbusstate.edu/certification.php>) on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CQTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

## Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Music in Music Education leads to licensure in teaching for K-12 instruction in public and private schools.